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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 015060, (B) JIDDA 0632

1. PRINCE SAUD'S OFFICE DIRECTOR HAS CALLED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRINCE SAUD: QUOTE SECRETARY VANCE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE MORE PREFERABLE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL IF HE WERE TO COME TO RIYADH AFTER VISITING THE OTHER COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. OFFICE DIRECTOR EXPLAINED PRINCE WANTED RIYADH STOP TO BE THE LAST ONE. HE AFFIRMED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S TRIP AS PROPOSED REF A.

2. IF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE CANNOT BE ADJUSTED FOR SAUDI STOP TO COME LAST, WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE EXPLAINED TO PRINCE SAUD IN A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY VANCE. SUCH MESSAGE COULD POINT OUT THAT IT HAD BEEN OUR DESIRE TO CONCLUDE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRAVELS BY VISITING RIYADH, BUT THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE SCHEDULES OF LEADERS AMONG THE CONFRONTATION STATES, ESPECIALLY SYRIA, DID  
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NOT PERMIT THIS FLEXIBILITY. PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS, MOREOVER, REQUIRE THE SECRETARY TO RETURN TO THE U.S. BY EVENING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21; ACCORDINGLY, WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY KING KHALID WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE SECRETARY'S VISITING RIYADH ON HIS NEXT TO THE LAST STOP.  
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